at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie and the third Phase would in the initial years be hosted at the venue of the Indian partner of the institution selected for the delivery of the programme. The infrastructure and other facilities in the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration are being upgraded to undertake the additional responsibilities.

Reservation in Civil Services

466. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have forwarded a proposal to Administrative Reforms Commission for examination regarding curtailment of the benefit of reservation in Civil Services only upto the entry level;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering a revision of the Civil Services Act which is found to give undue protection to inefficient and incompetent officers ensuring automatic and undeserved promotion; and

(c) whether China has dispensed with the services of inefficient public servants to ensure efficiency levels in the bureaucratic set-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Information is being collected.

E-filing of petitions/applications

467. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to accept the e-filing of petitions/ applications etc. by the citizens;

(b) if so, the names of the departments where e-filing is accepted, and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to encourage e-filing in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) All electronic records duly authenticated with digital signature as per the Information Technology Act, 2000 are acceptable as application/ petition for delivery of various services. Government Departments are at various stages for implementation of this provision. Some Government Departments/agencies like Commerce, Company Affairs, Income Tax, Customs, Excise and Service Tax have already introduced e-filing of applications.

Upgradation of infrastructure

468. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to spend Rs. 100,000 crores on upgradation of infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the action plan of Government to upgrade the infrastructure in the ports and airports sectors; and

(d) what are the details of the projects that would be taken up for upgradation in ports/airports sector in Orissa State under the above plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) The Committee on Infrastructure, to begin with has taken up roads, ports, airports and railways sectors. The investment envisaged according to initial estimates are Rs. 1,72,000 crore in the highways sector by 2012; Rs. 40,000 crores in airport sector by 2010 and Rs. 50,000 crore in the ports sector by 2012.

The international airports in Delhi and Mumbai are being restructured and modernized through private sector participation for which Government has selected the private partners on the basis of evaluation of technical and financial bids. It has also been decided to modernize 35 non-metro airports including Bhubaneswar airport in Orissa. Two Greenfield airports in Bangalore and Hyderabad are being implemented with public-private partnership and are likely to be commissioned by middle of 2008.